

HB 4865 SUPPORTERS

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Michigan Oral Health Coalition

Michigan Academy of Pediatric Dentistry

Michigan Community Dental Clinics

Michigan Association of Health Plans

Ottawa County Health Department

Health Delivery, Inc.

March 17, 2014

Dear Members of the Senate Health Policy Committee:

On behalf of Delta Dental of Michigan, I am writing in support of HB 4865, which is scheduled for the March 20th meeting of the Senate Health Policy Committee. The bill would improve access to comprehensive dental care for our State's most vulnerable populations, especially children and seniors. It will ensure that follow-up care is available when dental disease is identified by a mobile dentistry provider.

We urge you to vote YES on HB 4865.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at rlantz@deltadentalmi.com or (517) 347-5436.

Thank you for your consideration of our perspective on this issue.

Rick Lantz

Manager, Government Relations
Delta Dental of Michigan



TO: Senator Jim Marleau, Chairman, Members of the Senate Health Policy Committee

FROM: Kenneth Elmassian, DO, President

DATE: March 17, 2014

RE: Support for House Bill 4865

I would like to express the support of the Michigan State Medical Society for House Bill 4865. House Bill 4865 offers the protections and regulations needed for the practice of mobile dentistry, where currently there are none.

House Bill 4865 provides the base and uniformity for the practice of mobile dentistry. Physicians and dentists work hand-in-hand in the preventive care for all in Michigan. Mobile dentistry provides that crucial care for those who would not have access to care. With regulations in place, one can now insure that the level of care will meet the needs of the patients and the safety of the patient will be at the forefront of these practices.

In a time where access to any care is a major issue, House Bill 4865 works to provide critical access to care that will reduce the amount of visits to the physician's office for conditions that could have been corrected with proper dental care. Providing quality standards will ensure that effective treatment is delivered and will help reduce further medical costs due to successful preventive treatment.

MSMS appreciates your willingness to move this issue forward and we ask for your support. As you all know Michigan is facing an access to dental care issue. Providing these protections and regulations to Michigan's mobile dentists units will help ease the access problems ahead.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important piece of legislation.

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March 17, 2014

Bill Sullivan, J.D.
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Dear Bill,

This letter is intended to acknowledge support by the Michigan Primary Care Association for House Bill 4865, a bill to require mobile dentistry units to obtain a permit to operate in Michigan.

The Michigan Primary Care Association represents Michigan's 39 federally qualified health center organizations operating over 240 clinic sites in Michigan, all in medically underserved areas of the state or serving historically underserved populations. Almost all of our centers also offer dental services.

While supporting mobile dentistry units and sites as a way to better provide needed dental health services to the residents of our state, we believe this bill strengthens the provision of services in this way by assuring that persons receiving care in mobile health facilities and sites are linked to ongoing follow up care. We strongly believe in the concept of a "dental home". Our centers operate several mobile units and often provide care in mobile settings such as schools and neighborhood centers to make services readily available to both children and adults that often cannot or would not obtain services otherwise. However, in every case, our centers offer ongoing follow-up services at fixed sites as well if needed. We firmly believe that quality care assures that needed follow-up services that are coordinated with the care given at mobile facilities and sites are available. We believe that HB 4865 helps assure that this standard of care is met in all mobile settings.

We look forward to working with the Michigan Department of Community Health with implementation of the requirements of HB 4864.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Douglas M. Paterson".

Douglas M. Paterson M.P.A.
Director of State Policy

Bill Sullivan

From: Karlene Ketola [KKetola@mohc.org]
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 4:03 PM
To: Bill Sullivan
Subject: FW: House Bill 4865: Support
FYI... Sent individually to all Senate Health Policy Comm. Members.

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From: Karlene Ketola
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2014 11:14 AM
To: 'SenRJones@senate.michigan.gov'
Subject: House Bill 4865: Support

Dear Senator Jones,

On behalf of the Michigan Oral Health Coalition, I ask for your support of House Bill 4865. Members of the Michigan Oral Health Coalition include dental providers, medical providers as well as universities, community health centers, dental benefit providers, faith-based organizations, professional associations and local health departments who together work to improve the oral health of Michigan's 10 million residents.

Oral health is essential to overall health and quality of life. Left untreated, dental diseases can result in infection and severe pain, an inability to perform daily activities, and in very rare cases, death. The Michigan Oral Health Coalition supports House Bill 4865 as it looks to provide accountability for mobile dental providers. Mobile dental programs play a vital role in the care delivery system. Many of our Coalition members offer school-based programs which provide preventative and/or comprehensive care and currently refer patients to their own clinics.

Thank you for your time and consideration. The Michigan Oral Health Coalition stands ready to assist in any way appropriate as this bill moves forward.

Best Regards,
Karlene Ketola



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